

## DRAFT REVISIONS TO APPENDIX K (8.21.2018)

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### Stanislaus, Tuolumne and Merced Working Group

The State Water Board will establish a STM Working Group, with an appointed chair, to assist with the implementation, monitoring and effectiveness assessment of the February through June LSJR flow requirements. Specifically, the State Water Board will seek recommendations from the STM Working Group on biological goals; procedures for implementing the adaptive methods described above; annual adaptive operations plans; and the SJRMEP, including special studies and reporting requirements. Each of these activities is described in more detail below

The State Water Board will seek participation in the STM Working Group by individuals representing the following entities who have specific expertise in LSJR, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and Merced Rivers fisheries management, hydrology, operations, and monitoring and assessment needs: the DFW; NMFS; USFWS; ~~and~~ water users on the Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and Merced Rivers; and non-governmental organizations representing environmental protection and restoration and recreational and commercial fishing interests. The Board will also seek participation from experts who are not affiliated with these interested parties. The STM Working Group will also include State Water Board staff and may include any other persons or entities the Executive Director determines to have appropriate expertise. Subgroups of the STM Working Group may be formed as appropriate and State Water Board staff may also initiate activities in coordination with members of the STM Working Group.

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### Procedures for Implementation of Adaptive Methods

The STM Working Group, or State Water Board staff as necessary,

will, in consultation with the Delta Science Program, develop proposed procedures for allowing the adaptive adjustments to the February through June flow requirements discussed above. These procedures will include triggers for adaptive management if actual hydrological and physical conditions vary significantly from the outcomes predicted in the environmental analysis, unless the narrative objective is being attained. The State Water Board or Executive Director will consider approving procedures for allowing those adaptive adjustments within one year following the date of OAL's approval of this amendment to the Bay-Delta Plan.